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**NLRB CHAIRMAN ROBERT BATTISTA IS 2006 RECIPIENT
OF MICHIGAN STATE BAR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Robert J. Battista, Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, was selected as the 2006 Distinguished Service Award Recipient of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

The award was presented to Chairman Battista, the 11th recipient, at a State Bar gathering in Ypsilanti, MI on January 27. The award honors individuals who:

- Have made major contributions to the practice of labor and employment law;
- Reflect the highest ethical principles;
- Have advanced the development of labor and employment law;
- Have a long-established commitment to excellence; and
- Are recognized and respected by all constituents in the labor and employment community.

Chairman Battista was appointed by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate to serve as Chairman of Board for a term expiring December 16, 2007. Previously, he practiced employment and labor relations law since 1965 with the Detroit firm Butzel Long, representing companies, multi-employer associations, public employers, and educational institutions.

Chairman Battista is a former chair of the Michigan Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section, a member of the Advisory Committee to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, and is a Fellow with the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. A native of Detroit, he is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1961) and the University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1964).

The NLRB administers the nation's primary labor relations law, the National Labor Relations Act of 1935. This independent federal agency investigates and remedies unfair labor practices, and conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation.

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